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SUBJECT: CORU -- CUBAN EXILE GROUP

REF: GEORGETOWN 1810

1. EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO USE FOLLOWING REPORT IN DISCUSSIONS WITH FONMIN WILLS ON POSSIBLE TERRORISM BY CUBAN EXILES.

2. BEGIN TEXT: REPRESENTATIVES FROM 5 ANTI-CASTRO CUBAN EXILE ORGANIZATIONS MET FROM JUNE 10-13 IN SANTO DOMINGO AND FORMED A NEW UNIFIED GROUP CALLED THE COORDINACION DE ORGANIZACIONES REVOLUCIONARIAS UNIDAS (CORU), ACCORDING TO CONFIDENTIAL

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FBI INFORMATION. THIS NEW GROUP HAS BEEN REFERRED TO IN

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THE PRESS AS THE ORU. ATTENDING THE MEETING WERE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ACCION CUBANA (AC), A SMALL TERRORIST GROUP HEADED BY ORLANDO BOSCH, WHICH CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THE BOMBINGS OF SEVERAL CUBAN EMBASSIES IN 1974 AND WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RECENT ATTEMPT IN JAMAICA TO BLOW UP A CUBAN AIRLINER; THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT OF CUBA (FLNC), THE MOST ACTIVE CUBAN EXILE GROUP, WHOSE TITULAR HEAD IS FRANK CASTRO; THE MOVIMIENTO NACIONALISTA CUBANO (MNC), WHICH HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN BOMBINGS AND TERRORIST ACTIVITIES BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES; THE

BRIGADE 2506, COMPOSED OF VETERANS OF THE BAY OF PIGS INVASION; AND THE MOVIMIENTO 17 DE ABRIL (APRIL 17TH MOVEMENT, M-17-A), A RECENTLY FORMED SPLINTER GROUP OF THE BRIGADE 2506.

CORU IS A RATHER LOOSELY FORMED FEDERATION OF ALL THE ABOVE GROUPS, AND HAS NO SEPARATE MEMBERSHIP OF ITS OWN. AT THE MEETINGS, IT WAS DECIDED THAT EACH MEMBER GROUP WOULD HAVE ITS OWN MILITARY CHIEF. HE WILL GIVE PRESS RELEASES CONCERNING TERRORIST ACTIONS BY HIS ORGANIZATION TO THE FLNC PROPAGANDA CHIEF, WHO WILL CLAIM CREDIT FOR THESE ACTIONS IN THE NAME OF CORU. THUS CORU CLAIMS CREDIT FOR THE RECENT ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF A CUBAN AIRLINER IN JAMAICA, ALTHOUGH THE ACTION WAS CARRIED OUT BY MEMBERS OF THE AC.

IT WAS FURTHER DECIDED THAT CORU WOULD NEVER CLAIM CREDIT FOR TERRORIST ACTIONS CONDUCTED INSIDE THE UNITED STATES AND, IN FACT, WOULD SOUNDLY CONDEMN THEM.

PLANS WERE DISCUSSED TO RETALIATE FOR THE ARREST OF CUBAN EXILES BY KIDNAPPING DIPLOMATS OF THE OFFENDING NATION FOR POSSIBLE HOSTAGE EXCHANGE. A HARASSMENT CAMPAIGN AGAINST AIRLINES, CONSISTING OF HOAX BOMB THREATS INTERSPERSED WITH THE OCCASIONAL BOMBING OF AN UNOCCUPIED AIRCRAFT TO LEND CREDIBILITY TO THE CAMPAIGN, ALSO WAS DISCUSSED. IT WAS ALSO DECIDED TO MAKE THE M-17-A RESPONSIBLE FOR NAVAL OPERATIONS. END TEXT.

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